

Community Development Commission

April 17, 2008

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: *for* Carlos Jackson, Executive Director *Bobbette A. Power*

SUBJECT: THE HOME PROGRAM – PROPOSED REVISION

As you are aware, the Community Development Commission (Commission) has administered the County's annual allocation of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds since the Program's inception in 1992. The Program administration, as initially approved by your Board, has included a provision prioritizing applications for the funding of developments, home ownership and rehabilitation programs located in Participating Cities (listed on the attached) during the first 6 months of each Fiscal Year.

In a change from the prior policy of utilizing an "open" (year round) Request For Proposals for the HOME Program, the Commission and Housing Authority are now utilizing an annual joint Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) including both HOME and City of Industry funds, with a specified period allowed for the submission of applications.

The Commission and Housing Authority, in late March of this year, forwarded an inquiry to each of the 49 cities that have participated or are participating in the Commission's Urban County Program. The inquiry detailed the proposed change in the allocation of HOME funds and invited questions and comments. Only two cities responded. The City of San Fernando asked for additional information, and did not voice concerns; the City of Monrovia sent a letter in support of the change (see attached).

It is our belief that the current NOFA process provides an appropriate opportunity for all applicants, and it is no longer necessary to reserve HOME funds for the Participating Cities for the first six months of the Fiscal Year.

The Commission intends to forward a Motion to formally revise this policy. If you have questions or concerns please contact Bill Huang, Director of Housing Development at 323-890-7230 or I can be reached at 323-890-7400

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Attachments (2)

c: Nicole Englund, Deputy
Chuck Bookhammer, Assistant Chief of Staff
Ben Saltsman, Deputy
Rick Velasquez, Assistant Chief of Staff
Paul Novak, Deputy

PARTICIPATING CITIES

City of Agoura Hills	City of La Puente
City of Arcadia	City of La Verne
City of Artesia	City of Lawndale
City of Avalon	City of Lomita
City of Azusa	City of Malibu
City of Bell	City of Manhattan Beach
City of Bell Gardens	City of Maywood
City of Beverly Hills	City of Monrovia
City of Bradbury	City of Rancho Palos Verdes
City of Calabasas	City of Rolling Hills
City of Cerritos	City of Rolling Hills Estates
City of Claremont	City of San Dimas
City of Commerce	City of San Fernando
City of Covina	City of San Gabriel
City of Cudahy	City of San Marino
City of Culver City	City of Santa Fe Springs
City of Diamond Bar	City of Sierra Madre
City of Duarte	City of Signal Hill
City of El Segundo	City of South El Monte
City of Hawaiian Gardens	City of South Pasadena
City of Hermosa Beach	City of Temple City
City of Irwindale	City of Walnut
City of La Canada Flintridge	City of West Hollywood
City of La Habra Heights	City of Westlake Village
City of La Mirada	



Office of the City Manager

April 7, 2008

Mr. Bill Huang
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RE: NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN HOME FUNDS ALLOCATIONS

Dear Mr. Huang:

I support and applaud the Commission's proposed recommendation to change the current HOME funds allocation plan. The proposal to remove the set-asides and six-month reservations will allow greater access to all available HOME funds for projects.

There is a great need in our communities for sustained financial assistance to support housing developments. By reducing restrictions to the use of HOME funds you enable more options for the successful expenditure of HOME allocations.

I appreciate this opportunity to comment on this matter. Should you have any questions please call me at (626) 932-5585.

Sincerely,

Scott Ochoa
City Manager

cc: Dan McConnell